Transmission Losses in Andhra Pradesh

3840. SHRI J. CHOKKA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENGERY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the loss of power in transmission is more than 20 per cent of the quantity generated;

(b) if so, whether the said loss is more than the deficit of power in certain States like Andhra Pradesh; and

(c) if so, the steps the Central Electricity Authority propose to take to prevent such losses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (c). The Transmission and Distribution (T & D) losses in the country have been ranging between 21% to 23%.

In order to reduce the T &D losses various technical and administrative measures have been taken. These include:

(i) conducting energy audit by SEBs/EDs to identify system elements responsible for excessive losses;

(ii) formulation of system improvement schemes for strengthening T & D system both in rural and urban areas;

(iii) installation of capacitors, introduction of energy audit in the power systems of SEBs/EDS;

(iv) theft of energy has been made a cognizable offence; and

(v) introduction of an incentive scheme for reducing T& D losses.

Effective implementation of these measures by the SEBs/EDs would help in reducing the gap between demand and availability of power in the States including Andhra Pradesh.

Rajiv-Longowal Accord

3841. DR. SUDHIR SRAY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to implement Rajiv-Longowal accord;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI M.M. JACOB): (a) to (c). The Government stands by the Rajiv-Longowal accord and is committed to implement the same. Most of the items in the accord have been implemented and for those that remain, efforts will be made to implement them expeditiously.

Relaying Capacity of Trivandrum Doordarshan

3842. SHRI KODIKKUNNIL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government purpose to increase the relaying capacity of Trivandrum Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, whether all places in Kerala are to be covered through Trivandrum Doordarshan programmes?